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Letter dated 28 February 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith humanitarian and information bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 24-28 February 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (24 February 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out two humanitarian operations: one in the city of Aleppo and one at Qatana in Damascus governorate.

A total of 150 food parcels were delivered to the Shahba' al-Jadidah quarter of Aleppo. A further 450 food parcels totalling 1.8 tons were delivered to residents of Qatana in Damascus governorate.

Over the 24 hour period, 600 residents received humanitarian assistance. In total, 2.6 tons of humanitarian cargoes were distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian aircraft parachuted 20.4 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products), received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations, to the area of Dayr al-Zawr.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (25 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Ayn al-Haramiyah in Homs governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,275.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 is unchanged — it is still 110.

The number of populated areas which the Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 61.

Over the past 24 hours, 27.6 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 1,972.1 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 14 violations in the following governorates: 5 in Ladhiqiyah, 3 in Hama and 6 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office has reported seven violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: two in Damascus, two in Homs, two in Dar'a and one in Hama.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the seven violations.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (25 February 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Russian humanitarian aid (food, clothing and essential items) were delivered by an Il-76 military transport aircraft of the Russian air and space forces to the Humaymim airbase. The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 17 tons.

Humanitarian cargo (provided through the United Nations) was packed and loaded on parachutes for air drops by Russian aircraft to the city of Dayr al-Zawr.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Over the past 24 hours, the United Nations and partners have continued to provide food, medical, psychological and legal assistance to the Syrian Arab Republic. Work is also continuing to rebuild infrastructure and provide temporary accommodation to those in need.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (26 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Dahiyat al-Assad in Damascus governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,276.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 110.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 63.

Over the past 24 hours, 28.5 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 2,000.6 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 11 violations in the following governorates: 3 in Damascus, 3 in Ladhiqiyah, 4 in Hama and 1 in Homs.

The Turkish representative office has reported 12 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 1 in Aleppo, 3 in Damascus, 1 in Idlib, 2 in Hama and 5 in Homs.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office confirmed 1 ceasefire violation, but was unable to confirm the other 11 violations.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (26 February 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out eight humanitarian operations: six in Aleppo city, one in the Hamdaniyah populated areas of Ladhiqiyah and one in Dahiyat al-Asad in Damascus governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, in the Karm al-Bik, Old Aleppo and Shaykh Maqsud districts of Aleppo and at schools in the Muhammad Bak, Jam'iyat Tishrin and Khalidiyah districts, 3,000 hot food packages and 1 ton of bread have been delivered to residents.

A total of 500 food parcels were delivered to residents of Dahiyat al-Assad in Damascus governorate, and a further 300 food parcels were distributed at Hamidiyah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

Over the past 24 hours humanitarian assistance has been provided to 3,800 residents. In total, 6.2 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Over the past 24 hours, the United Nations and partners have continued to provide food, medical, psychological and legal assistance to the Syrian Arab Republic. Work is also continuing to rebuild infrastructure and provide temporary accommodation to those in need.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (27 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Twuyasharah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,277.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged — it is still 110.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 has increased to 72.

Over the past 24 hours, 203.5 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 2,204.1 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported nine violations in the following governorates: two in Hama, two in Damascus, two in Idlib and three in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported seven violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: two in Damascus, one in Ladhiqiyah, one in Homs and three in Dar'a.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the seven violations.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (27 February 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out six humanitarian operations in Aleppo city, during which 0.94 tons of bread and 4.8 tons of bottled drinking water have been delivered to the residents of the Balad, Hawsh al-Shabal, Zabdiyah and Shaykh Maqsud districts and to schools (in the Harbil and Khalidiyah districts).

Over the past 24 hours humanitarian assistance has been provided to 2,320 residents. In total, 5.74 tons of humanitarian cargoes have been distributed to the population.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian aircraft parachuted 20.3 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products), received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations, to the city of Dayr al-Zawr.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (28 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Irbin in Damascus governorate.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 110.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 remains unchanged at 72.

Over the past 24 hours, 84 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 2,288.1 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported 10 violations in the following governorates: 4 in Damascus, 5 in Ladhiqiyah and 1 in Idlib.

The Turkish representative office has reported 10 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 1 in Hama, 5 in Damascus, 1 in Aleppo, 1 in Ladhiqiyah and 2 in Dar'a.

During its investigation of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the 10 violations.